

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8, 11-18, and 21 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 11, and 21 have been amended. Claims 9, 10, 19, and 20 have been cancelled. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the pending claims 1-8, 11-18, and 21 are patentable over the art of record and allowance is respectfully requested of claims 1-8, 11-18, and 21.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Ali for holding a telephone interview with their representative, Janaki K. Davda, on Wednesday, February 21, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. (EST). During the telephone interview, claim 10 was discussed. Applicants would like to thank Examiner Ali for indicating that incorporating the subject matter of claim 10 (which depends from claim 9) into the independent claims would place all claims in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants have amended claims 1, 11, and 21 to incorporate this subject matter. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and allowance of the pending claims.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicants submit that the pending claims 1-8, 11-18, and 21 are patentable over the art of record. Applicants have not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0460.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact her at (310) 553-7973 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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